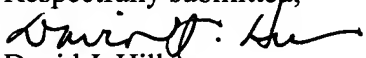


### Remarks

Since all of the claims remaining in the application are allowable, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner has any questions about this Response, he is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set out below.

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